

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Neil Thompson, Eddie Shaw, Mike Wilson, Graham Sime, Amy Markham

In Attendance: Eveleigh Moore-Dutton, Susanne Hinchcliffe and John Hinchcliffe.

19.09.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllr. Leslie be received and accepted.

Resolved: that Councillor Thompson has a Pecuniary and Personal Interest in Planning application 19/02721/FUL.

19.09.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 16th July 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Shaw

Seconded: Cllr. Sime

19.09.03 Public Speaking Time

None

19.09.04 Matters Arising

CPR Training

Training to be arranged for December time, for those who want refresher training or those who were unable to take part in the first round of training.

First Aid training would be beneficial for the farming community.

Action – Discuss with Trainers and JHVI to gain dates that are suitable

Chair and Clerk

Village Green Wall Repairs

A quote has been received for the repair to the damage that occurred to the wall of the Village Green following the Road Traffic Accident. The quote is;

£803.00 plus VAT

This quote is sizable due to the traffic management element required to ensure the repairs can be undertaken safely.

The quote has been sent to the haulage company, if they are happy with this the Parish Council are also happy for the repairs to go ahead.

Drays Coffee Shop

The Highways Dept. have received an application to place advertisement signs on Eaton Village Green. Unfortunately, the Parish Council would not be able to control the expansion of this type of advertising on the village green and it could distract from the rural nature.

We fully support local businesses, but on this occasion feel the advertisement signs should Not be on the Village Green.

Proposal -

Councillors Not In-Favour of Advertisements on the village Green - Unanimous

Village Design Statement

Mr Michael Scott will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the roles and responsibilities within the Village Design Statement.

19.09.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions.

None

2- To consider response to planning applications received

19/02721/FUL

Proposal – Demolition of existing conservatory and porch and erection of single storey rear extension and new porch (re- submission of 18/02155/FUL)

Location – Oxheys Lane Cottage, Oxheys Lane, Ruston, CW6 9AT

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Shaw

Seconded - Cllr. Wilson

19/02752/FUL

Proposal – Oak Framed Carport

Location – Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AY

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Markham

Seconded - Cllr. Sime

19/02755/LBC

Proposal – Oak framed Carport

Location – Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AY

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Markham

Seconded - Cllr. Sime

19/02723/FUL

Proposal – Demolition and replace part of fire damaged section of barn and convert it into residential use and restore/ reconstruct agricultural store

Location – Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AY

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Wilson

Seconded - Cllr. Shaw

19/02724/LBC

Proposal - Demolition and replace part of fire damaged section of barn and convert it into residential use and restore/ reconstruct agricultural store

Location – Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AY

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Wilson

Seconded - Cllr. Shaw

19/02876/FUL

Proposal – Addition of 3 dormer windows on front elevation to second floor level

Location – Willow House, Eaton Green, Eaton Lane, Eaton, Tarporley, CW6 9YN

The Parish Council has **No Objections** to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Sime

Seconded - Cllr. Markham

19.09.06 Highways

Lower Lane, Scottish Power have confirmed there are no further works planned for Lower Lane Eaton.

Clerk to now contact Highways to request surface works on Lower Lane.

Action- Continue to Progress contact with SP and Highways

Clerk

Outstanding Road Safety Issues from Previous Meetings

At the June PC meeting, it was agreed that Cllrs Wilson & Leslie would compile a list of the important issues which remain outstanding with Highways. This list was presented and discussed, and modifications made. See below:

MAJOR ISSUES THAT RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATIVES – September 2019

Note: The last meeting with Highways - held at the Phoenix House, Winsford on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 10:00am attended by Jerry Gibbs, Ian Lovatt, Cllr Emma Leslie, Cllr Mike Wilson & Clerk Lindsey Worrall,

Introduction:

Many issues were raised in the meeting above and as recorded in the minutes. However the Parish Council would like to focus on fewer areas for discussion with Highways such that the key problems of residents can be addressed.

1. Actions to lower the speed of vehicles within the Village of Eaton

a. Speed Limits

i. The 20mph limit currently on the Village Green, should be pushed out to where the existing 30mph limit is situated.

ii. The 30mph in i. above should be moved out to the current "Eaton Village Sign" towards Cotebrook.

iii. The 20mph limit currently sited before the Village Hall should be put out to where the current 30mph limit changes to 50mph. These were originally agreed positions!!

iv. the 30mph limit in ii. Should go out to the 'Eaton Village Sign' at the hill top

v. The current 20mph sign 50m below the school (Lower Lane), should be moved out to existing 30mph signs at the far end of Whalley Drive.

vi. The 30mph signs from v. to be moved to junction with Dogmore lane.

2. Actions to try and reduce the number and / or speed of vehicles using Eaton as a "rat run" between the Alvanley Arms (A49) and the "Red Fox" (A49/A51).

a. Village Approaches

On Eaton Lane and Royal Lane ("Eaton" Sign Board) the Parish Council would like to create "You Are Entering a Rural Village" structures with flower beds, beware signs; gated impression. The structure would be fastened to the "Eaton" village signs and not require digging out for supports etc.

b. Speed Limits

The Eaton Lane northern 30mph speed limit should be pushed further out of the village to include the new Red Lion development houses. (note: the current pole is still not fixed after over 2 years. The landowner wishes Highways to discuss "cranked arm").

Full details in section 1a

c. Road Marking

More road marking is required on the approaches to the village with raised red areas, hatching etc added to again stress that this is a non pavement village with

pedestrians walking between facilities. More smaller “repeater” 30 and 40mph signs should be erected along Eaton and Royal Lane.

- 3. Enforcement** Cheshire Constabulary to be involved in enforcing speed limits with Mobile camera units and speed guns. PC Monk to be invited to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Action: Above list to be discussed at a meeting with Highways **Cllrs Wilson & Leslie**
Action: If agreed, meeting to be arranged by Clerk

Phase 2

Should the above actions not slow traffic down then more advanced options could be considered:

Option 1 - Pedestrian Risk Area from Village Green to St Thomas Church or Village hall (see marked up map). Install a “**Speed table**”.see marked layout and example

Option 2 – Village Entrances - Install a “Priority Chicane” see example

Option 3 – Village Entrances – Install a “Village Gateway” see example

4. Smaller Issues requiring attention

The Parish Council have a list of other issues (as itemised in the June Parish Council minutes) that need addressing but it is felt that progress on the above is more important and those smaller issues can be discussed later.

Oulton Mill Lane

Flooding occurs from the ditch on Oulton Mill Lane during the wetter months, the clerk is liaising with Highways, the landowner has cleared the drains and confirmed that there is a sandstone drain under the carriage way, there is no headwall to this drainage system.

The Clerk has contacted the Highways team about this again.

Action – Liaise with landowner and Highways

Clerk

Dogmore Lane

Just past Red Beech Farm water is coving 40% of the road, this has been caused by the re-surfacing of the road, water cannot drain away.

Action – Contact Highways

Clerk

30mph Sign on Eaton Lane

MW has spoken to the landowner who insists that Highways visits him with “Crank Arm Proposal” before he agrees. He & I have requested this with no response.

Action:

Clerk to repeat request.

Vehicle Activated Sign Eaton Lane

Now working – Action: Data to be analysed. Paul Healey & Cllr Wilson

Vehicle Activated Sign Lower Lane

The hedge at the Garage has been cut to ensure visibility

Action: Data to be analysed. Brian Oldham, Paul Healey & Cllr Wilson

19.09.07 Reports from Working Groups **Communications**

The November Newsletter was produced and sent out with Parish Council issues. Thank you to Phil Allcock for the professional editorship and to all the volunteers who deliver the newsletter to households.

Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

School Project – Birds Bugs & Butterflies project was completed in July with Eaton Primary School. The wild meadow Area has been a big success, receiving many compliments from local and distant visitors. The fruit trees have borne fruit.

An offer has been made to the new head Teacher at Eaton Primary School to repeat the project next Spring. The Tesco Grant for the Bees, Bugs and Butterflies Project has a balance of £412.66 which could finance more work on the project in the coming 12 months. More Mini gas cylinders have been found, these were a one off and possibly not used in the picnic area.

Most visitors are good with their litter, the bin is emptied weekly and the grass mown every 10 days.

Immediate Plans

- The entire picnic area needs to be mown
- A two-metre path will be created around the perimeter so the nettles in the hedgerow can be dealt with next year, creating a walking path to visitors.
- The 12 team needs to be prepared, 5 people have already volunteered, with both Cllrs. Thompson, Shaw (January) and Moore-Dutton also asking to join the list.
- The duty of members of the 12 team will be to select one month a year and during that month they visit the Picnic Area once per week, checking for mis-use; litter (empty bins if necessary) and reporting any concerns to Cllr Wilson.

Action: Fill in vacancies; circulate rota and duties Cllr Wilson

The original Grant balance is £1,832.83

Adult Gym equipment may be added to the picnic area in the future.

Hedge cutting in the village

The offer of cutting hedges within the village to residents who have hedges on the roadsides will be offered again during 2019.

Youth/Social/Community Play Zone Project

The Play Zone has been very well used by school (MUGA) and the public, with particular use just after school.

Long term maintenance costs of the MUGA, particularly the wet pour floor needs to be considered. An estimate for this maintenance and an anticipated timescale for the repairs needs to be shared with Eaton Primary School and the Parish Council.

With some of the 52-team resigning, 6 volunteers are required.

Cllr. Markham will take one of the vacancies.

Anyone wishing to join the 52 team, please contact the Clerk, Lindsey Worrall by e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Youth Club

Three main leaders wish to resign, this has led to fairly big changes and a need for Mike and Mary Wilson to be more involved again. The remaining and new leaders are very positive and working hard to ensure efficient and safe running of the Club

- The Senior section now meet at the same time as the juniors (6.15-7.30pm)
 - There are 4 pairs of leaders on a rota to cover 1 or 2 Thursdays a month each
 - 3 pairs already established.
- A new initiative to involve more parents is being successful in recruiting helpers to enables 2 leaders plus 1 or 2 helpers per night.
- A safe box has been purchased to keep confidential information and the cash float in. Permission has been received from the school to secure it to the wall in the Youth Group storage area.

- All records, procedures etc. are being brought up to date and new training is being carried out.
- Due to the purchases of summer play equipment, rent contribution, First Aid Training and the new Safe Box, the Youth Group has a financial balance near zero. It is intended to run a December event at the Jessie with proceeds going to the Youth Group.
- **Action: Clerk to request Jessie Hughes Chair that profit of December Film Night go to Youth Club and Play Zone.**

19.09.08 Correspondence

Resolved: that correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed:

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
Owner of garage	18.07.19	Closure of David Edge Auto Electrical Ltd. Correspondence between owner and councillor	Circulate to councillors
SP Energy	22.07.19	Confirmation that there's no plans to undertake any further works on Lower Lane, Eaton	Circulate to councillors
Eveleigh Moore-Dutton	24.07.19	Draft Ward Plan	Circulate to Councillors
Eveleigh Moore-Dutton	24.07.19	Chief Exec of CWaC to undertake walk with Ward Councillor Moore- Dutton, the walk will include Rushton Parish Councils Picnic Area and wildflower meadow.	Circulate to Councillors
BK Village	06.08.19	Confirmation that this will be the final year of the Best Kept Village Competition due to lack of funding	Circulate to Councillors
Member of Public	11.08.19	E-mail from member of public representing neighbours, complaining about the noise from the Cheshire Young Farmers Ball.	Talk with Chair of YF, send e-mail to member of public and include e-mail address of Chair of Young Farmers
Highways	16.08.19	Highways have been approached by Drays Coffee shop to gain permission for advertising signs to be placed on the village green, owned by Rushton Parish Council	Contact the owners of Drays coffee shop to gain details of proposal
Member of Public	30.08.19	What works will SP Energy be undertaking on the North Side of the village	Contact SP Energy for an update
Highways	05/09/19	Winterford lane will be closed from 7 th October for 4weeks to enable SP energy to undertake works	Place on noticeboard
ChALC	06/09/19	'Being a Good Councillor' Training, Wednesday 25 th Sept, Middlewich £75 per person	Circulate to councillors
CWaC Highways		Street care and Highways team introduce the 'Love your Streets' Campaign 29 th October 6pm, Cheshire View	Circulate to Councillors
ChALC		Knowing your numbers, blood pressure awareness	Place on noticeboard
Member of Public	12/09/19	Concern about speed of vehicles in village, increase of vehicles, ineffectiveness of VAS and the speed sign still not being repaired	Circulate to councillors and respond

19.09.09 Finance Matters

Resolved: that the following net accounts are passed for payment:

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
L. Worrall	Q2 Expenses	22.44	4.49	26.97
M. Wilson	Picnic Area Expenses – Noticeboard UV film	52.00		52.00
M. Wilson	Youth Club Expenses – outdoor equipment	82.66	2.76	85.42
CwaC	Youth Group Rent 1 st Sept – 31 Dec 2018	144.00		144.00
CwAC	Youth Group Rent 1 st Jan – 31 st July 2019	225.00		225.00
JHVI	Hall Hire – July 2109	£19.00		£19.00
NMC Design and Print	Newsletter printing cost August 2019	£131.00		£131.00
M. Wilson	Sundries for Youth club and Play zone	£78.49	£7.49	£85.98
M. Wilson	DBS Checks for Youth Club	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00

- Income

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Rushton PC	Youth Group Rent 1 st Sept – 31 Dec 2018 contribution	48.00		48.00
Rushton PC	Youth Group Rent 1 st Jan – 31 st July 2019 Contribution	75.00		75.00
Rushton PC	JHVI Contribution to Newsletter printing costs August 2019	65.00		65.00
Rushton PC	MSV Oulton Park Villagers Day Contribution	1255.00		1255.00

19.09.10 External Meetings

Thursday 3rd October Welsh Rally Stage to be held at Oulton Park, Track will be open at Midday, cars to be on track from 7-10PM. Resident Pass holders will gain free entry to the event.

29th October 2019, Cheshire View, Plough Lane, Christeton, Street Care and Highways introduce 'Love your streets' campaign.

4th November 2019, Best Kept Village Competition Awards Night, 7.30pm at Ellesmere port Civic Hall

19.09.11 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

19.09.12 Any Other Business

On the 9th December, Oulton Park will host the annual Christmas Lunch for the over 60's.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____